GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:125
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INTERNATIONAL LEVEL SPORTS PERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India does not have sufficient number of international level sports persons ;

(b) if so ,whether the Government have found out the reasons for the same ;

(c) whether there is lack of sports infrastructure of the international standards in the country ;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government to provide the infrastructure facilities of the same standard in the country ; and

(f) the funds likely to be spent thereon ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA)

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.125 29.7.2003 BY SHRIMATI NIVEDITA MANE REGARDING INTERNATIONAL LEVEL SPORTS PERSONS

(a) & (b) Though India may not have as many international sportspersons as compared to some developed countries yet in the recent past, Indian sportspersons have performed extremely well in international competitions in certain disciplines like Athletics, Shooting, Tennis, Billiards, Wrestling, Hockey and Chess. Some factors which are responsible for producing sufficient number of international sportspersons are, proper environment, motivation, food habits, age of entry into sports discipline, number of persons participating in competitive sports, financial resources for sports promotion and development of infrastructure and the need to integrate sports and physical education in our educational curriculum. Keeping all these factors in view, serious and persistent efforts are being made to improve the level of performance of sportspersons in order to enable them to achieve excellence in the international sports arena.

(c) & (d) Though we have a good number of sports infrastructure of international standard in India, yet there is scope for developing additional infrastructure and efforts are being made in this direction.

(e) On receipt of viable proposals from the State Government etc. financial assistance is provided by the Government of India under the Schemes of
(i) Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure,
(ii) Grants for Installation of Synthetic Playing Surfaces ; and
(iii) Grants for Promotion of Sports in Universities & Colleges for creation of sports infrastructure of international standards.

(f) The total 10th Plan outlay of Rs.312.61 crores for all the sports infrastructure Schemes including the provision for North-East is likely to be spent. In addition, Sports Authority of India is also expected to incur expenditure of Rs.104.46 crores, including theprovision for North East, during the 10th Plan on creation and up-gradation of infrastructure projects.